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1995-96, No. 12

An Act to ensure the provision of meteorological services in the Cook Islands  
(19 June 1996)

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement - (1) This Act may be cited as the Meteorological Services Act 1995-96.  
(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on a date to be appointed by the Queen's Representative by Order in Executive Council.
2. Interpretation - In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -  
"Minister" means the Minister responsible for meteorological services.  
"Ministry" means the Government Department from time to time responsible for the administration of meteorological services.
3. Meteorological services - (1) The Minister shall ensure the provision of the meteorological warning service referred to in section 4 of this Act.  
(2) The Minister shall arrange for the provision of -
  - (a) the making and issuing of forecasts of the weather;
  - (b) the collection and recording of such meteorological information as is necessary for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection;
  - (c) the conduct of meteorological research and investigation;
  - (d) the furnishing of advice on meteorological matters;
  - (e) the publication of meteorological information and the results of research and investigation;
  - (f) the making and issuing of forecasts of the weather and other meteorological conditions;
  - (g) the supply of meteorological information and expertise to the Crown or any person requiring such information and expertise.

4. Minister to designate meteorological warning service - The Minister shall from time to time designate a person who shall be responsible to provide the authorised meteorological warning service in the Cook Islands.

5. Charge for Services - The Ministry shall charge for meteorological services provided pursuant to this Act at a level prescribed by the Minister from time to time.

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This Act is administered by the Department of Meteorological Services